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DIARY NOTES

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1. Colonel was discussed again at the Deputies' Meeting in view of a recommendation from the field that he not only be retained but promoted to the grade of Brigadier General. Action was postponed until Colonel turns (sometime soon) and his entire future is discussed with him.

- 2. Apparently a cable has been received by Headquarters announcing that the CAT franchise is extended temporarily.
- 3. At the Assistant Directors' Meeting it was announced that the Personnel Office would be removed very shortly from DD/A supervision, reporting thereafter to the Office of the Director. The group was also informed that Mr. Contact Division, 25X1A8b would become the Assistant Director (Personnel). (General Cabell had advised me of this decision by telephone at my home one day last week.)
- 4. Mr. Dulles is preparing to have a series of luncheons for congressmen who are interested in CIA, the first of which will be on Monday, 11 January; Messrs. Taber and Wigglesworth are to be the guests. Presumably, Mr. Saunders, Mr. Pforzheimer, and I will attend.
- 5. The Director asked me to find out, if I could, when our budget hearings might come up inasmuch as he wants to get away for a week or so probably in March.
- 6. Had lunch with Ed Saunders and listened to a brief report of his trip. He and George Meloon will submit a joint written report.
- 7. Have talked with Messrs. Saunders and about coming up as soon as possible with estimated obligations for the first two Quarters of Fiscal Year 1954 and recommendations for the appropriate reallocation of funds for the remainder of this Fiscal Year. I believe some reallocation is in order based upon our experience to date.
- 8. Spent most of the morning with the state of spent most of the morning with and George Meloon going over the forthcoming transfer of functions to the Personnel Office, etc.
- 9. Arranged for Mr. Saunders, Mr. Mr. and myself to meet with Hart
 Perry and Lyman Hamilton, Bureau of the Budget, for a briefing on matters which

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they foresee will need our action or consideration in the next five to six months. Our meeting is now scheduled for 4:00 p.m. on Thursday. 25X1A9a about the review of accountings by Senior Repre-10. Talked to sentatives. We agreed that since station funds were now all one account the way we were now doing this didn't make much sense and that it would be better for the COA/DDP and the DD/A to review the authorizations only, unless the auditors found discrepancies in the accountings which were inconsistent with the authorizations. 25X1A9a 11. Mr. Mr. Houston, and I, along with a host of DD/P people, met with General Cabell on two separate occasions to discuss the possible liqui-25X1A2g dation of Project It appears that under any circumstances we will have to put some more money (maybe as much as \$25,000) into the Project even to liquidate it. It was finally decided that Mr. was of the EE Division and 25X1A9a of the Office of the General Counsel would go to 25X1A6a 25X1A9a**■** fact-finding and negotiating team and DD/P representatives were directed to take the initiative in drawing up a set of instructions to this team. 25X1A9a 25X1A9a George Meloon, 12. I met with General Cabell, and Larry Houston to discuss changes in delegations of authority, reg-25X1A9a**■** ulations, etc., that will be necessary to transfer the Personnel Office from 25X1A9a the jurisdiction of the DD/A. It was agreed that Mr. appointment as Assistant Director (Personnel) and the transfer of the Personnel Office would be effective on 18 January 1954. We will make every effort to have all the changes in regulations, etc., drafted prior to that time.